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1. Information has been received which serves to refute the reports which have been circulating concerning the destruction by sabotage of the Orava hydroelectric power station. The following is what actually happened: one of the principal Communist shop stewards had been discharged, and in revenge he denounced several executives at the plant and accused them of "sabotage" in the Communist sense of the work, i.e. of wasting material, of slackness, etc. Several of the executives were at once arrested, and this gave rise to rumors of real sabotage.
2. Reports of two further acts of sabotage in Slovakia have been received. The electric transformer station of the Kablo Works in Bratislava and several buildings of the still unfinished Krivan Plant (between Turciansky Sv. Martin and Priekopa) were burned down during the night of 24-25 February 1949, the first anniversary of the Communist accession to power.
3. Various indications of a shortage of foreign exchange in Czechoslovakia have been observed. The general manager of the Chemopol organization, which is the official agency for the purchase of all chemicals required in Czechoslovakia, has declared that he is being allocated only a fraction of the amount of foreign currency needed to purchase the chemicals which must be obtained from the west. He claimed that the Chemopol Trust needed \$5,000,000\* worth of foreign exchange to supply all demands for one month. Instead, he receives an allocation of scarcely \$100,000.
4. Czechoslovakia has been exporting 2,000 carloads of wheat (600 from Slovakia)\*\* to the west at the price of 630 crowns per 100 kgs. upon delivery at Tarvisio, on the Italian border. In compensation, Czechoslovakia receives wheat from Russia at the price of 900 to 1,000 crowns per 100 kgs.

25X1A6a \* Comment: This figure appears excessive.

25X1A6a \*\* Comment: Source did not indicate over what period this amount of wheat was shipped.

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